

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 16, 2020

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, January 15, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Mark Minor. Mark Dyel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Robin LaBuwi, Vice-President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Mark Dyel and Mark Franklin. Board members absent: Shane Cockrum and Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Heather Mitchell, Curriculum/Technology Director; and Madyson Darr, Student Council Representative.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

Executive Session – Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel. Mark Franklin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mark Dyel – yes, Mark Franklin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:12 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:32 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Mark Dyel – yes, Mark Franklin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Board members absent: Shane Cockrum and Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Heather Mitchell, Curriculum/Technology Director; and Madyson Darr, Student Council Representative.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Approve Minutes:** Regular Board Meeting Minutes, December 17, 2019
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, December 17, 2019
Tax Levy Hearing Minutes, December 17, 2019
Special Board Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2020
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2020

5.2 Approve Financial Report (December 2019)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (December 2019)

5.4 Review/Approve Final Reading Board Policy Updates – Press Plus Issue 102

5.5 Review/Approve District Seniority List (ENCL A)

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of pages 40A and 40B. Mark Franklin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mark Dyel – yes, Mark Franklin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Board Policies - Issue 102 and Enclosure A have been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson reported the following information:

- School Maintenance Project Grant was completed & submitted on Wednesday. If approved, this grant will assist in funding A/C in the east gym.

- Project updates
 - Restrooms/Concession Stand: The footings and stub wall have been poured and plumbers and electricians are completing their work today and into tomorrow. Hopefully the slab floor will be poured early next week with block soon to follow.
 - Specs for prospective future facility work are being completed in preparation for presentation to the Board. Financial representatives have been contacted to discuss bonding options in the event the District takes on a project that requires additional funds. A finance committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss and review options.

7. CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR REPORT Mrs. Mitchell shared information concerning curriculum, technology, and grants. She provided an overview of the curriculum meeting process, outcomes, and possible outcomes. The final portion of her presentation focused on details surrounding a request for an additional math teacher for the 20-21 SY.

8. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to assign Justin Groves as the assistant boys track coach for the 2019-20 school year. Mark Franklin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to accept the resignation from Alyssa Williams as the boys tennis coach for the 2019-20 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.2 Employment of Personnel Mark Franklin made a motion to hire Joseph Clinton as a Teacher Aide for the 2020-21 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Robin LaBuwi made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of math teacher as available for the 2020-21 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mark Franklin made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of part-time teacher aide (library) as available for the 2020-21 school year. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.4 Review/Approve Baysinger Architects Change Orders 1 & 2 Mark Dyl made a motion to approve the change orders as presented. Mark Franklin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.5 Review/Approve East Gymnasium Bleacher Replacement Proposal (ENCL B) Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the replacement of bleachers in the East Gym as presented. Mark Franklin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

- Mark Dyl commented on a session he attended at the Triple I Conference and suggested the Board look into implementing the program called “The Happiness Advantage.”
- The Board discussed their concerns with some athletic policies.
- Mark Minor called a special meeting for Thursday, January 23, 2020.

11. ADJOURNMENT Mitch Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 P.M. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY